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LIEUT. MAC SELLERS SEVERELY WOUNDED IN ACTION JUNE 6TH

Family Notified Friday Night, Date Indicates Battle At Chateau Thierry

Col. Sellers received a telegram Friday night from Major General Geo. Barnett, Commandant of Marines, notifying him that his son, Lieut. James McBrayer Sellers, had been severely wounded in action on June 6th. The date indicates that Mac was in the severe fighting at Chateau Thierry where the Marines covered themselves with glory by driving the Huns from important positions.

Lieut. Sellers was given a commission in May and received training at Quantico, Va. He was soon promoted to first lieutenant and early in the spring went to France with his regiment, the Sixth Regiment of Marines, 78th Company.

The telegram:
Washington, D. C.
Sandford Sellers,
Lexington, Mo.

Deeply regret to inform you cablegram just received states your son, Lieut. James McBrayer Sellers, Marine Corps, severely wounded in action June 6th. Impossible at this time to ascertain further particulars or to send individual cablegram of inquiry as to condition. If further report is received will advise you by telegram.

Geo. Barnett,
Maj. Gen'l. Commandant.

Col Sellers received the following cablegram Tuesday night from his son, Lieut. Mac Sellers, who has been wounded:

Paris.
I am wounded, improving, feel well.

Some Have Married in Vain.

Under the new regulations issued by the War Department, men who have married since May 8, 1917, and were given deferred classification, will be reclassified into Class 1, unless there is a dependent child born prior to June 8, 1918.

Those who have registered recently must have married prior to January 18, 1918, to escape Class 1.

Mr. Hamlin bore such a passive part in congress up to the time of the breaking out of the world war that the sudden emergency produced therefrom for men of brains and brawn found him floundering around like a fish out of water. He realized that he ought to do something, but what! He heard the siren's call—he mistook insidious propaganda for the voice of his own people—he would connive at the rape of Belgium and the slaughter of innocents—he would help Germany throttle England and France—he would vote for an embargo on munitions—if he had the opportunity. Civilization was nothing to him, but his job was. He believed that the people back home were opposed to a vigorous assertion of their rights and would suffer almost every in- before they would demand aggressive action and reparation.

President Wilson forced the issue; he went before the people whom he found would support his policies to the limit regardless of what congressmen might do or say. Mr. Hamlin then found inspiration and slid back into his native passivity. He now proclaims himself "Johnnie-on-the-spot, and asks that he be returned to congress at all hazards.

The Congressional Trust is "busted" and he must stand on his own record and not on that of the Democratic party. Mr. Shackleford who has heretofore flooded the district with propaganda in behalf of Mr. Hamlin, is fighting for his own political life. All the others, of the same thought in districts where primaries have been held, have been defeated. What of Mr. Hamlin?

District Appeals Board Here.

The District Appeals Board of the selective draft consisting of Matthew W. Hall, chairman; Dustin D. Bowersock, secretary; R. M. Bacheller, Dr. F. H. Matthews and Frank Blake were here Tuesday to examine witnesses relative to the deferred classifications of Leonard Hushler, druggist; Irvin Thieman, farmer, and Wm. F. Lyons, son of a farmer. After the examination the board left for Jefferson City to attend a meeting of the different boards of the state.

Truck And Furniture Burn.

Leroy Gray who is moving to Kansas City, Kansas, to make his home was unfortunate Sunday in having all of his household goods burned. A truck from Kansas City had come for his goods and when a short way west of Wellington the truck caught fire, ditto furniture. The truck was ruined and the furniture consumed.

Death of Frank Salyers.

Frank Salyers died at his home on Bed Bug Hill Friday morning at 6:30 o'clock, after several months illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Salyers was born in Lafayette county March 15, 1895, and was 23 years of age.

The funeral was held from the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

In The Police Court.

A gang of six negro boys who have been making a practice of congregating on the corner near the opera house and making a general nuisance of themselves, were gathered in Tuesday night by the city officers. Wednesday morning Judge Mountain assessed two of them \$8.95 each, and the other four \$9.55, each.

Simmons-Mansell

Mr. L. D. Simmons of Pitts-ville, and Miss Lillie J. Mansell of Bates City, were married Tuesday evening in the office of the Probate Judge, Judge Wilson officiating.

Athletics 7; White Sox 1.

The heat Sunday held no terrors for the Athletics as they romped home in their game with the Kansas City White Sox under blankets. The final count was 7 to 1 in favor of the home boys.

MACHEPELAH CEMETERY

Election of Directors.

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Charter of Machpelah Cemetery, Section Nineten thereof, all persons owning lots in Machpelah Cemetery and its Additions, on payment of the sum of five dollars, to the Association, become members of the Association.

All members of the Association are hereby notified that on the 9th day of July, 1918, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the usual place of meeting, in Traders Bank Building, Lexington, Missouri, an election will be held at which members of the Association will select by ballot fifteen directors of the Association, five for a term of one year, five for a term of two years and five for a term of three years, to hold office during such respective terms and until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

E. N. HOPKINS,
President.

June 20, 1918.

Mrs. A. H. Schultz and daughters, Hellen and Mrs. Robert Johnson, went to Kansas City Tuesday for a visit.

Miss Louise McDonald went to Kansas City Tuesday to spend the day.

Mrs. Mary Barnes went to Wellington Tuesday to spend the day.

Mrs. E. M. Petering went to Higginsville Monday evening for a few days visit.

Miss Vena Owen left Wednesday for Boulder, Col., where she will attend summer school.

CORDER ITEMS.

Mrs. Forrest Wright and children visited relatives in Kansas City last week.

Mesdames W. H. Dean, Joe Jones, Bettie Hackley, E. M. Moore, D. G. Jackson, C. S. Slusher, O. J. Wollenmann, J. H. Frerking, L. H. Lewis, Mrs. Kuddes, Miss Ada Kuddes, Fred Morgan, O. J. Wollenmann and Walter Sydnor were in Higginsville last Friday to attend a Red Cross meeting.

C. H. Brown was transacting business in Kansas City Saturday.

Martin Kramer left Saturday morning for a visit with relatives in Kansas City.

Miss Ethel Corbin returned home Wednesday evening from an extended visit with relatives in Kansas and Kansas City.

S. P. Phillips motored over from Aullville Friday evening.

Mrs. Eva Dean of Kansas City, visited relatives here the first of the week.

Henry Ostermeyer, south of town, is the owner of a new car. Ed Duggins of Camp Funston, Kansas, spent the week end with homefolks.

Children's Day exercises were held at the Christian church last Sunday evening.

Forrest Welliver of Kansas City, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Everett Miller and wife of Slater, visited here the first of the week with R. E. Miller and family.

Ed Feith and family visited near Mayview Sunday.

S. R. Perry and family of near Higginsville, spent Sunday with Jno. Perry and wife south of town.

Miss Irene Blase left Sunday evening for Chicago, where she will attend the University of Chicago this summer.

Francis Summers of Marshall spent Sunday here with his mother.

Miss Elma Blase and Mrs. S. P. Phillips left Friday evening for Iowa, where they will spend the summer.

Miss Bertha Schumacher returned Monday evening from a visit with friends in Sweet Springs.

R. A. Roberts visited in Mt. Leonard and Blackburn Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Schobe and daughter of St. Louis, are visiting Mrs. Aug. Ernestmeyer here this week.

Ed Frerking and family of Concordia spent Sunday here.

Mrs. R. L. Gaines returned home Sunday from a visit at Lees' Summit.

W. E. Scotten, wife and little daughter of Sedalia, spent Saturday and Sunday here with S. M. Reynolds and family.

G. A. Frerking is now the owner of a Reo 4, and R. C. Frerking a Reo 6.

J. H. Smith, Fred Morgan, Dr. Moore, Henry Schaeperkoetter were Kansas City visitors Monday.

Miss Emily Rowe of Higginsville, spent Sunday here with Miss Daisy Holman.

Walter Hefter and wife of Aullville spent Sunday here.

Eight colored men will entrain for Camp Funston, Friday, June 21.

Mrs. Henry Brasch and son, Edgar, went to Concordia Monday evening to attend the funeral of Mrs. Louis Brand.

Miss Myron Gaffin left Tuesday morning for Denver Colorado, where she will spend the summer.

SOLDIER'S LETTER

From R. E. Ashurst in the Canadian Service.
England, May 19, 1918.

Dear Sir:-

We have moved to a permanent camp now and our training now will probably become intense, though we are told that we will get a furlough of six days in the near future with the privilege of visiting any part of England, Scotland or Wales, transportation free both ways. Therefore, I may have something of interest to write in my next.

The railroads here mostly have double tracks, and the road beds are just fine. The engines and passenger coaches are only about half as heavy as yours are. The passenger coaches are divided into about eight sections with a door in each side of the coach, in each section, that enables them to load and unload very quickly. Each section accommodates eight people, and they travel quite fast, often making a mile per minute. The coaches are not so high as ours. There are more tunnels to pass through than I ever saw. The freight cars are queer little things. It will take about six of them to hold what one of your cars will, only four wheels under each car. But the double track enables them to handle a tremendous amount of freight. The train whistle is a little keen whistle very much like your air whistles on the interurban electric cars with you.

The public highways all cross the railroads over head or under neath, no surface crossings. There are very few private autos here now. The people travel in queer little carts with two wheels and one horse. The sides of the cart are high and you can only see the head and shoulders of the occupants above.

I see many steam trucks, about as many as auto trucks. The public highways are in splendid condition, but narrow, and the custom of all traffic is just the opposite of yours—all vehicles take the left when they meet. The farms in the level and rolling country are fenced with hedge, well groomed, but in the hilly country they are fenced with rough stone without mortar and about four feet high. It is queer how the farms are laid out. I have yet to see a field or pasture that is square. They are every shape but square.

We are having pretty weather here now and quite warm in the day time, but cool at night, short nights and long days with long twilight.

The houses are all built of brick or stone with tile roofs and most of the farm houses are nearly covered with vines. A great amount of shrubbery that seems useless to me, is everywhere. You would clear it all out and plant useful fruit trees. I have not yet seen an apple orchid.

The people here seem to be propagating the crow, your black crow which you think so destructive, nests here in the lawns in great droves. They will destroy feed enough for an army, and be very difficult to get rid of. I see lots of cattle and sheep but have not seen a hog or a mule.

Some of the boys say every time we move, we get closer to the enemy, and I reply to them, that suits me. You must understand that I cannot tell you anything about the army, suffice it to say that we are being train-

Italian Picnic Raised \$266.80 For Red Cross.

The Italians who are responsible for the picnic held last Sunday are subjects for congratulation, as they made and donated to the Red Cross \$266.80. The heat was no more intense than the desire of the committee to make a success of the venture and turn over to the Red Cross a goodly sum. The grounds were donated free by Messrs Pitton and Flora, John R. Wilmot sold them supplies at cost and W. F. Hinesley donated some cigars.

Marriage Licenses.

A marriage license has been issued to:

Johannes G. Kunstmann
Concordia
Hulda J. Kobs
Concordia
L. D. Simmons
Pitts-ville
Lillie J. Mansell
Bates City
Thomas A. Standford
Lexington
Elnora Cole
Dover
Henry Tietjen
Odessa
Mayme Colvin
Odessa
Emmet Nordseick
Lexington
Eva Gott
Lexington

Nordseick-Gott.

Mr. Emmet Nordseick and Miss Eva Gott, both of Lexington, were married Sunday evening, Judge William Pettis Cole officiating.

Word has been received from Major R. P. Palmer that he arrived safely over seas.

Mrs. N. T. Revard received a cablegram Wednesday announcing the safe arrival over seas of her husband who is in the 89th Division.

Mrs. Harry Boardman went to Higginsville Saturday evening for a few days' visit.

Miss Charlotte Chaudanson returned Monday to Kansas City, after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chaudanson.

Miss Adah Holmgren returned Monday to her home in Kansas. Hugo Thorson accompanied her home for a visit.

Miss Mary Wilson went to Grand Pass Monday for a visit, left Monday on a trip through the west.

The Chillicothe Business College is planning for a Mid-summer Opening July 1st, when new classes will again be organized. Write the college for its special announcement.

ed as soldiers should be. I am always well, and I have never missed a roll call nor a moments drill since I enlisted on the 19th of March last.

Tell my neighbor farmers to raise big crops and send plenty of food over here, especially wheat, hogs, potatoes, and beans. Tell them to plant every spare patch they have in beans, and send them over here—round beans, flat beans, square beans, horned and muley beans. They are all the same to us. A soldier is happy when he can get plenty of beans.

I will be glad to hear from any of my friends now who care to write to me. I will have my photo taken soon, in full equipment, and send one to each of a certain few.

Tell them to write to

Private R. E. Ashurst,
No. 3233261, 1st C. O. R., 2nd Battalion, 12 Reserve, Camp Witley, England.

More anon,

Yours truly,
R. E. ASHURST.



ARE YOU GOING TO BUILD?

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And a time when time is filled
With other things a man must do.
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